

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
ENERGY FACILITY SITING BOARD**

IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE TO MOBILIZE AND OPERATE A LIQUIFIED NATURAL GAS VAPORIZATION FACILITY AT OLD MILL LANE (PORTSMOUTH, RHODE ISLAND) – DOCKET NO. SB-2021-04

NOTICE OF HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 42-98 and 42-35 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island as amended, in particular, sections 42-98-7 and 42-98-9, and sections 1.8(a) - (d) and 1.9 of its Rules of Practice and Procedure, **the Energy Facility Siting Board (“Board”) will conduct a preliminary hearing on Monday, July 25, 2022 at 10 AM, in Hearing Room A of the Public Utilities Commission office building, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island.** The hearing may continue thereafter from day to day and from time to time as required.

Narragansett Electric Company seasonally mobilizes and operates a liquified natural gas (LNG) vaporization facility at property located on Old Mill Lane in Portsmouth, pursuant to a temporary two-year emergency waiver from the licensing requirement of the Energy Facility Siting Act that was granted by the Board in EFSB Docket No. SB-2019-04 on January 8, 2020. The LNG vaporization facility consists of portable equipment owned and operated by Narragansett Electric, which is mobilized during the winter season to perform peak-shaving to the natural gas distribution system.

In an application filed with the Board on May 19, 2021, Narragansett Electric sought the approval of the Board to mobilize and operate the LNG vaporization facility without need of further waivers, while it developed a long-term solution to the natural gas capacity constraint and vulnerability challenges facing Aquidneck Island. Along with its application, the Company filed a petition requesting a one-year waiver extension that would allow it to operate the LNG facility during the winter of 2021/2022 while it completed the Board licensing process. The Board docketed the application and petition in Docket No. SB-2021-04 and convened a Preliminary Hearing in August 2021. In its application and throughout the Preliminary Hearing, the Company maintained that it needed to deploy the facility each winter until it identified, permitted, and developed its preferred long-term solution to the natural gas capacity constraint and vulnerability challenges on the island. Following the Preliminary Hearing, the Board granted Narragansett Electric its requested waiver extension for the 2021/2022 winter with the condition that the Company file a supplemental application by April 4, 2022 setting forth its preferred long-term solution.

On April 1, 2022, Narragansett Electric filed a supplemental application with the Board. The supplemental application identified the LNG vaporization facility at Old Mill Lane as the Company’s preferred long-term solution. Accordingly, Narragansett Electric is seeking a full license from the Board for the facility. The Board has consolidated the Company’s original application with its supplemental application. This consolidated application is on file and available for public review at the Board office located within the Public Utilities Commission office building at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. It is also available online at: http://www.ripuc.ri.gov/efsb/2021_SB_04.html.

Rule 1.9(a) provides that the Board will “convene a preliminary hearing to determine the issues to be considered by the Board in evaluating [the] application, to designate those agencies which shall act at the direction of the Board for the purpose of rendering advisory opinions, and to identify those licenses required by the facility which are under the direct control of DEM and CRMC.” The Board will not be taking public comment at this preliminary hearing.

The Public Utilities Commission office building is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Coordinator at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, 401-780-2173, at least 72 hours in advance of the hearing. The hearing will be streamed live to the public and archived via the internet at: <https://video.ibm.com/channel/WqQyXw296dg>.

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